

Roles in the Church

LESSON 4: QUALIFICATIONS OF ELDERS

Review

PRINCIPLE #1

• **SERVANT** Leadership

PRINCIPLE #2

• Good **STEWARDS**

PRINCIPLE #3

• **MEMBERS** in the Body

Formal Leadership

QUALIFICATIONS OF ELDERS

Objectives

State who makes one an elder/overseer

State the two places one can find the qualifications

State two qualifications that are listed in both places

State two qualifications that pertain to his ability

State two qualifications that are only for elders

How Does One Become an Elder?

“Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which **the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.”**

- Acts 20:28 NKJV -

How Does the Holy Spirit Appoint?

He gave qualifications through the apostles

1 Timothy 3

Titus 1

The Qualifications

Several are listed in both places

What are they based on?

- Character
- Ability

Who can meet these qualifications?

ὀρέγω : (cf. Lat. *rego*, Germ. *recken*, *strecken*, *reichen*, [Eng. *reach*; Curtius § 153]); fr. Hom. down; *to stretch forth*, as χεῖρα, Hom. Π. 15, 371, etc.; pres. mid. [cf. W. p. 252 (237) note], *to stretch one's self out in order to touch or to grasp something, to reach after or desire something*: with a gen. of the thing, 1 Tim. iii. 1; Heb. xi. 16; φιλαργυρίας, *to give one's self up to the love of money* (not quite accurately since φιλαργ. is itself the ὄρεξις; [cf. Ellicott ad loc.]), 1 Tim. vi. 10.*

desire

not everyone

ἀν-επί-ληπτος [L T Tr WH -ληπτος; see M, μ], -ον, (a priv. and ἐπιλαμβάνω), prop. *not apprehended, that cannot be laid hold of; hence that cannot be reprehended, not open to censure, irreproachable*, [Tittmann i. p. 31; Trench § ciii.]: 1 Tim. iii. 2; v. 7; vi. 14. (Freq. in Grk. writ. fr. [Eur. and] Thuc. down.)*

character

blameless

everyone
(1 Cor 1:8; Php 2:15)

ἀν-επί-ληπτος [L T Tr WH -ληπτος; see Μ, μ], -ον, (a priv. and ἐπιλαμβάνω), prop. *not apprehended, that cannot be laid hold of; hence that cannot be reprehended, not open to censure, irreproachable*, [Tittmann i. p. 31; Trench § ciii.]: 1 Tim. iii. 2; v. 7; vi. 14. (Freq. in Grk. writ. fr. [Eur. and] Thuc. down.)*

character

**husband
of one wife**

everyone
(Matt 19:6,9)

νηφάλειος (so Rec.st in 1 Tim. iii. 2, 11, [where Rec.^{bcs} -λαιος], after a later form) and νηφάλιος [“alone well attested” (Hort)], -ον, (in Grk. auth. generally of three term.; fr. νήφω), *sober, temperate; abstaining from wine, either entirely* (Joseph. antt. 3, 12, 2) or at least *from its immoderate use*: 1 Tim. iii. 2, 11; Tit. ii. 2. (In prof. auth., esp. Aeschyl. and Plut., of things free from all infusion or addition of wine, as vessels, offerings, etc.)*

character

temperate

everyone
(Titus 2:2)

σώφρων, -ον, (fr. σάος, contr. σῶς [cf. σώζω, init.], and φρήν, hence the poet. σαόφρων; cf. ἄφρων, ταπεινόφρων, μεγαλόφρων), [fr. Hom. down]; a. *of sound mind, sane, in one's senses*, (see σωφρονέω, a. and σωφροσύνη, a.). b. *curbing one's desires and impulses, self-controlled, temperate*, [R. V. *soberminded*], ([ἐπιθυμεί δὲ σώφρων ὧν δεῖ καὶ ὡς δεῖ καὶ ὅτε, Aristot. eth. Nic. 3, 15 fin.], see σωφροσύνη, b.): 1 Tim. iii. 2; Tit. i. 8; ii. 2, 5.*

character

sober-minded

everyone
(Titus 2:2,5)

κόσμιος, -ον, of three term. in class. Grk., cf. *WH*, App. p. 157; *W.* § 11, 1; [*B.* 25 (22 sq.)], (κόσμος), *well-arranged, seemly, modest*: 1 Tim. ii. 9 [*WH* mrg. -μίως]; of a man living with decorum, a well-ordered life, 1 Tim. iii. 2. (*Arstph.*, *Xen.*, *Plat.*, *Isocr.*, *Lys.*, al.) [*Cf. Trench* § xcii.]*

(related entry)

[κοσμίως, adv. (*decently*), fr. κόσμιος, q. v.: 1 Tim. ii. 9 *WH* mrg. (*Arstph.*, *Isocr.*, al.)*]

character

**of good
behavior**

everyone
(1 Tim 2:9)

Translation Count — Total: 3x

KJV translates Strong's G5382 in the following manner: given to hospitality (1x), lover of hospitality (1x), use hospitality (1x).

er's Greek Lexicon

*φιλό-ξενος, -ον, (φίλος and ξένος), fr. Hom. down, hospitable, generous to guests, [given to hospitality]: 1 Tim. iii. 2; Tit. i. 8; 1 Pet. iv. 9.**

character

hospitable

everyone
(1 Pet 4:9)

The KJV translates Strong's G1317 in the following manner: apt to teach (2x).

Thayer's Greek Lexicon

διδασκαλικός, -ή, -όν, (i. q. διδασκαλικός in Grk. writ.), *apt and skilful in teaching*: 1 Tim. iii. 2; 2 Tim. ii. 24. (διδασκαλική ἀρετή, the virtue which renders one teachable, docility, Philo, praem. et poen. § 4; [de congressu erud. § 7].) *

ability

**able to
teach**

everyone?
(Jas 3:1; Heb 5:12)

The KJV translates Strong's G3943 in the following manner: given to wine (2x).

Thayer's Greek Lexicon

πάρ-οινος, -ον, a later Grk. word for the earlier παρ-οίνιος, (παρά [q. v. IV. 1] and οἶνος, one who sits long at his wine), *given to wine, drunken*: 1 Tim. iii. 3; Tit. i. 7; [al. give it the secondary sense, 'quarrelsome over wine'; hence, *brawling, abusive*].*

character

not

given to wine

everyone
(Eph 5:18)

KJV Translation Count — Total: 2x

The KJV translates Strong's G4131 in the following manner: *striker* (2x).

Thayer's Greek Lexicon

πλήκτης, -ου, ὁ, (πλήσσω), (Vulgate *percussor*), [A. V. *striker*], *bruiser, ready with a blow; a pugnacious, contentious, quarrelsome person*: 1 Tim. iii. 3; Tit. i. 7. (Plut. Marcell. 1; Pyrrh. 30; Crass. 9; Fab. 19; Diog. Laërt. 6, 38; al.) *

character

**not
violent**

everyone
(Matt 5:39)

KJV Translation Count — Total: 3x

The KJV translates Strong's G146 in the following manner: greedy of filthy lucre (2x), given to filthy lucre (1x).

Thayer's Greek Lexicon

αἰσχροκερδής, -ές, (αἰσχρός and κέρδος; cf. αἰσχροπαθής in Philo [de merc. meretr. § 4]), *eager for base gain, [greedy of filthy lucre]*: 1 Tim. iii. 8 Rec., 8; Tit. i. 7. (Hdt. 1, 187; Xen., Plat., al.; [cf. *turpilucricupidus*, Plaut. Trin. 1, 2, 68].) *

character

not

everyone

(1 Tim 3:8; Matt 13:22)

greedy for money

The KJV translates Strong's G1933 in the following manner: gentle (3x), patient (1x), moderation (1x).

Thayer's Greek Lexicon

ἐπιεικής, -ές, (εἰκός, what is reasonable); **1.** *seemly, suitable*, (fr. Hom. down). **2.** *equitable, fair, mild, gentle*: 1 Tim. iii. 3; Tit. iii. 2; 1 Pet. ii. 18; Jas. iii. 17. Neut. τὸ ἐπιεικὲς (as often in Grk. writ. fr. Thuc. down) ὑμῶν i. q. ἡ ἐπιείκεια ὑμῶν, Phil. iv. 5. [See ἐπιείκεια, fin.]*

character

gentle

everyone?
(Php 4:5)

The KJV translates Strong's G269 in the following manner: not a brawler (1x), no brawler (1x).

Thayer's Greek Lexicon

ἀμαχος, -ον, (μάχη), in Grk. writ. [fr. Pind. down] commonly *not to be withstood, invincible*; more rarely *abstaining from fighting*, (Xen. Cyr. 4, 1, 16; Hell. 4, 4, 9); in the N. T. twice metaph. *not contentious*: 1 Tim. iii. 3; Tit. iii. 2.*

character

**not
quarrelsome**

everyone?
(Rom 16:17)

translation Count — Total: 2x

KJV translates Strong's G866 in the following manner: not covetous (1x), without
ousness (1x).

r's Greek Lexicon

*ἀ-φιλ-άργυρος, -ον, (a priv. and φιλάργυρος), not loving
money, not avaricious; only in the N. T., twice viz. 1
Tim. iii. 3; Heb. xiii. 5. [Cf. Trench § xxiv.]**

character

**not
covetous**

everyone
(Heb 13:5)

I. to set or place before

A. to set over

B. to be over, to superintend, preside over

C. to be a protector or guardian

i. to give aid

D. to care for, give attention to

i. profess honest occupations

ability

**rules his
house well...**

everyone?
(Eph 6:4; Deut 6:4-9)

V Translation Count — Total: 1x

The KJV translates Strong's G3504 in the following manner: [novice](#) (1x).

Linger's Greek Lexicon

νεό-φυτος, -ον, (νέος and φύω), *newly-planted* (Job xiv. 9; Is. v. 7, etc.); trop. *a new convert, neophyte*, [A. V. *novice*, i. e.] (one who has recently become a Christian): 1 Tim. iii. 6. (Eccles. writ.)*

?

**not
a novice**

everyone?
(1 Pet 2:2)

Outline of Biblical Usage

- I. a testifying
 - A. the office committed to the prophets of testifying concerning future events
- II. what one testifies, testimony, i.e. before a judge

KJV Translation Count — Total: 37x

The KJV translates Strong's G3141 in the following manner: witness (15x), testimony (14x), record (7x), report (1x).

character

**good report
with outsiders**

everyone
(1 Pet 2:12)

ἀσωτία, -ας, ἡ, (the character of an ἄσωτος, i. e. of an abandoned man, one that cannot be saved, fr. σαώω, σόω i. q. σώζω, [ἀ-σω-το-ς, Curtius § 570]; hence prop. *incorrigibleness*), *an abandoned, dissolute, life; profligacy, prodigality*, [R. V. riot]: Eph. v. 18; Tit. i. 6; 1 Pet. iv. 4; (Prov. xxviii. 7; 2 Macc. vi. 4. Plat. rep. 8, p. 560 e.; Aristot. eth. Nic. 4, 1, 5 (3) p. 1120^a, 3; Polyb. 32, 20, 9; 40, 12, 7; cf. Cic. Tusc. 3, 8; Hdian. 2, 5, 2 (1 ed. Bekk.), and elsewhere). Cf. Tittmann i. p. 152 sq.; [Trench § xvi].*

character/ability

**faithful
children...**

everyone?
(Eph 5:18; Lk 15)

The KJV translates Strong's G829 in the following manner: self-willed (2x).

Winer's Greek Lexicon

αὐθάδης, -ες, (fr. αὐτός and ἡδομαι), *self-pleasing, self-willed, arrogant*: Tit. i. 7; 2 Pet. ii. 10. (Gen. xlix. 3, 7; Prov. xxi. 24. In Grk. writ. fr. Aeschyl. and Hdt. down.) [Trench § xciii.]*

character

**not
self-willed**

everyone
(2 Pet 2:10)

The KJV translates Strong's G3711 in the following manner: soon angry (1x).

Lidder's Greek Lexicon

*ὀργίλος, -η, -ον, (ὀργή), prone to anger, irascible, [A. V. soon angry]: Tit. i. 7. (Prov. xxii. 24; xxix. 22; Xen. de re equ. 9, 7; Plat. [e. g. de rep. 411 b.]; Aristot. [e. g. eth. Nic. 2, 7, 10]; al.)**

character

not

everyone
(James 1:19-20)

quick tempered

KJV Translation Count — Total: 1x

The KJV translates Strong's G5358 in the following manner: lover of good men (1x).

Thayer's Greek Lexicon

φιλ-άγαθος, -ον, (fr. φίλος and ἀγαθός), *loving goodness* : Tit. i. 8. (Sap. vii. 22; Plut. praec. conjug. c. 17; also comp. Thes. c. Rom. c. 2; [φιλάγαθος οὐ φίλαυτος, Aristot. magn. mor. ii. 14 p. 1212^b 18; Polyb. 6, 53, 9; Philo de vit. Moys. ii. § 2].)*

character

**lover of
what is good**

everyone
(1Thes 5:21-22; Php 4:8)

I. righteous, observing divine laws

A. in a wide sense, upright, righteous, virtuous, keeping the commands of God

i. of those who seem to themselves to be righteous, who pride themselves to be righteous, who pride themselves in their virtues, whether real or imagined

ii. innocent, faultless, guiltless

iii. used of him whose way of thinking, feeling, and acting is wholly conformed to the will of God, and who therefore needs no rectification in the heart or life

a. only Christ truly

character

just

everyone
(Rom 1:17)

<i>hosios</i>
Part of Speech
adjective
Dictionary Aids
Vine's Expository Dictionary: View Entry
TDNT Reference: 5:489,734
Trench's Synonyms: lxxxviii. ἱερός, ὅσιος, ἅγ
Outline of Biblical Usage

Words		
102	Adjective	Strong's Number: G3741
Greek: <i>hosios</i>		
Holiness, Holy, Holily:		
<p>akin to A, No. 4, signifies "religiously right, holy," as opposed to what is unrighteous or polluted. It is commonly associated with righteousness (see A, No.4). It is used "of God, Rev 15:4; 16:5; and of the body of the Lord Jesus, Act 2:27; 13:35, citations from Psa 16:10, Sept.; Hbr 7:26; and of certain promises made to David, which could be fulfilled only in the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, Act 13:34. In 1Ti 2:8; Tts 1:8, it is used of the character of Christians... In the Sept., <i>hosios</i> frequently represents the Hebrew word <i>chasid</i>, which varies in meaning between 'holy' and 'gracious,' or 'merciful;' cp. Psa 16:10 with Psa 145:17." *</p> <p>[* From Notes on Thessalonians, by Hogg and Vine, p. 64.]</p>		

character

holy

everyone
(1 Tim 2:8)

ἐγκρατής [see **ἐν**, III. 3], -ές, (**κράτος**); 1. prop. equiv. to **ὁ ἐν κράτει ὢν**, *strong, robust*: Aeschyl., Thuc., sqq. 2. *having power over, possessed of* (a thing), with a gen. of the object; so fr. [Soph. and] Hdt. down. 3. *mastering, controlling, curbing, restraining*: ἀφροδισίων, Xen. mem. 1, 2, 1; ἡδονῆς, ibid. 4, 5, 10; ἐαυτοῦ, Plat.; absol. (without a gen.), *controlling one's self, temperate, continent*, ([Aristot. eth. Nic. 7, 4 p. 1146^b, 10 sqq.]; Sir. xxvi. 15; Sap. viii. 21; Philo de Jos. § 11): Tit. i. 8.*

character

self-controlled

everyone
(Titus 2:11-12)

ἀντ-έχω : Mid., [pres. ἀντέχομαι]; fut. ἀνθέξομαι; *to hold before or against, hold back, withstand, endure*; in the N. T. only in Mid. *to keep one's self directly opposite to any one, hold to him firmly, cleave to, paying heed to him* : τινός, Mt. vi. 24; Lk. xvi. 13; τῶν ἀσθενῶν, *to aid them, care for them*, 1 Th. v. 14; τοῦ λόγου, *to hold to, hold it fast*, Tit. i. 9. (Deut. xxxii. 41; Is. lvi. 4, 6; Prov. iii. 18, etc., and often in Grk. writ.) Cf. Kühner § 520 b. [2te Aufl. § 416, 2; cf. Jelf § 536]; W. 202 (190); [B. 161 (140)].*

character

holding fast

everyone
(Php 2:16)

the faithful word

I. to convict, refute, confute

A. generally with a suggestion of shame of the person convicted

B. by conviction to bring to the light, to expose

II. to find fault with, correct

A. by word

i. to reprehend severely, chide, admonish, reprove

ii. to call to account, show one his fault, demand an explanation

character

**able to
exhort & convict**

everyone?
(Heb 3:13; Eph 5:11)